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In re:	Patent Application of Peter Daute, <i>et al.</i>	: Group Art Unit: 1714 : :
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Filed:	July 2, 2001	: Confirmation No.: 3060 : :
For:	SPHERONIZED GRANULES, PLASTIC ADDITIVE COMPOSITIONS CONTAIN- ING THE SAME AND METHODS OF USE THEREFOR	: Attorney Docket : No.: H 3722 US : :

AMENDMENT

This Amendment is being filed in conjunction with the simultaneous filing of a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, including an authorization to charge fees, in lieu of an Appeal Brief, pursuant to the Notice of Appeal filed by Applicants on November 1, 2004, via facsimile transmission, and received by the Office on the same date. This Amendment and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination are being timely filed as a Petition for a two-month extension of time, up to and including March 1, 2005, including an authorization to charge fees, is being submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as set forth herein.